MR. K. GEORGE The statement is laid on the table.

Caste-wise list of Second Judges and Munsiffs.

122 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL; Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, according to caste, of:

(*a*) Second Judges: and

(*b*) Munsiffs appointed within the last two years?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) A †statement showing the information required is laid on the table.

Cartable road in the Parur Taluk.

123 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state how many miles of cartable road there are in the Parur Taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Forty-six miles.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has ivisited some important roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. But with respect to the roads which the honourable member has in mind I cannot say definitely at the moment.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN: May I know whether these roads are in good condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, to the extent the grant is available.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN: May I know from the member.

PRESIDENT: I wish to draw the attention of the House that members should not talk to each other but to the chair.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know, with the funds allotted in the budget, is the Chief Engineer able to maintain the roads properly?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That is a question of personal opinion.

MR. E. VARGHESE: I do not think it is a matter of opinion. I am asking the honourable member whether he has found the budget allotment sufficient for proper upkeep and repairs of roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The question as to what is proper repairs that, I consider is a question of opinion.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer is invited to give his opinion which he is at liberty to say or withhold.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I withhold, Sir. (*Laughter*).

Conciliation Officers.

124. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of petitions for conciliation of debts filed before the Conciliation Officers; and

(*b*) the number of petitions disposed of by them?

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*Vide Appendix IV—page—395.

†Vide Appendix V—page—396.

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) 968.

(*b*) 378.

Diesel buses.

125. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With regard to the Transport Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Diesel buses ordered by them for use on the Trivandrum-Cape road;

(*b*) the make of the buses; and

(*c*) the cost price of each unit?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Sixty.

(*b*) Commer with Perkins Diesel Engines.

(*c*) Chassis	...	Rs. 4,875
Body (to be built locally)	...	Rs. 1,600
Total		Rs. 6,475

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the construction of bodies are to be made by contractors or by the Department?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVA NIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It is to be done partly by the P. W. Department and partly by contractors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the number to be done by the department?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Government want 59 bodies, of which 25 will be made by the P. W. D. and the other 34 by contractors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the ground on which this arrangement is made?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Government want these bodies to be built within a limited period say three or four months.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On what basis is this Rs. 1,600 arrived at for the body to be built locally? Is it the tender of the contractor or the estimate of the Workshop?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It is the contractor's tender and the Workshop estimate is also the same.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then, may I know the amount for which tenders were made by the contractors and the estimate from the Workshops?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The tender of the contractor is Rs. 1,600 per body, and the estimate by the Workshop is also the same.

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